

# Helping clients envision their retirement

Planning for retirement is no easy task, but asking the right questions at the right time can help unlock bigger and more productive conversations with clients. Keeping questions short, avoiding interruptions, and letting them talk can help set priorities and create opportunities to discuss strategies and solutions.

## 18 questions to help identify retirement goals

Questions	Notes
1. How do you view retirement? <i>(A vacation, an adventure, a next act)</i>	
2. What activities do you currently enjoy?	
3. What new activities do you want to try?	
4. What will these new activities require? <i>(Learning new skills, investing in yourself, taking some classes)</i>	
5. Do you have any adventures planned for your retirement years?	
6. Do you have any great travel destinations in mind?	
7. Are there things you've always wanted to do if you only had the time?	
8. Do you belong to any professional groups, and do you plan to continue with these after you retire?	
9. Are there new groups you'd like to join once you retire?	
10. Will you keep up your professional skills, should you want to work?	

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11. How often do you connect with old friends?
12. In the last year, have you made new friends? If so, how did you find them?
13. What will you do to maintain good health in retirement?  
*(Eat healthier, join a gym or exercise, get regular medical exams)*
14. How will you fund health-care costs in retirement?  
*(An HSA, a Medicare plan + supplement, a long-term care plan)*
15. What about your health could you improve before retirement?
16. Do you have a hobby you'd like to spend more time doing?
17. Have you considered exploring a new career?
18. Do you know anyone who is doing something you'd like to do?

**Now that you have a better understanding of your client's goals, take time to compile your notes and offer solutions that can help them save for retirement and generate income. Helping them understand ways they can generate guaranteed income in retirement can help them gain confidence for the future.**

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